

**MINUTES**

OF THE

**THIRTY-SIXTH SYNOD**

OF THE

**Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium**

OF

**THE STATE OF NEW-YORK,**

**AND ADJACENT PARTS.**



CONVENED IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SCHAGHTICOKE, RENSSELAER CO. N. Y. ON

SEPTEMBER 3d, AND SUCCEEDING DAYS, ANNO CHRISTI, 1831.



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... of Christ and Trinity; and a sermon was preached by the Rev.  
L. T. Hoell, D.D., from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Pennsylvania.  
... I say unto you, He that believes on me  
shall never thirst.

In the evening, I have been visited by the Rev. H. N. Johnson, Treasurer of the Missionary Society; he has been very kind to call on me, and we have had a long conversation about the work of the Society here.

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**MINUTES**  
**OF THE XXXVI. SYNOD**  
**OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM**  
**OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK, AND ADJACENT PARTS.**



*Saturday, September 3d, 1831.*

The Ministers and Lay-Delegates were received, at Troy, by the Rev. J. Z. Senderling, Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Brunswick and Schaghticoke, and proceeded to their respective places within the bounds of the latter congregation.

*Sunday, September 4th, 1831.*

In compliance with Resolution XV. of the XXXV. Synod, the members of the Ministerium assembled in St. John's Church, Schaghticoke. At 10 o'clock, A.M. the solemnities of public worship were commenced, in presence of a numerous auditory, by the Rev. J. Z. Senderling, *pastor Loci*: after which the Rev. J. B. Miller, Principal of Hartwick Seminary, Secretary, and (in consequence of the death of Dr. Schaeffer) *acting* President of the Ministerium, delivered the Synodical Discourse from 1 Peter i. 26—"The word of the Lord endureth forever."

At 2 o'clock P.M. Divine Service was again opened by the Rev. J. Berger, Pastor of Ghent and Millville: and a Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. P. Hecht, Delegate from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, from John vi. 47—"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."

In the evening Divine Service was resumed with prayer by the Rev. H. N. Pohlman, Treasurer of the Ministerium; Sermon, by the Rev. Wm. D. Strobel, Pastor of St. James' N. Y. on Isaiah lxxii. 1—"For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth."

On the afternoon of the same day the Rev. H. N. Pohlman preached in Gilead Church, Brunswick, from Acts xxiv. 25—"Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season I will call for thee." He was assisted in the exercises of devotion by Mr. Lambert Swackhammer, a Theological Student of Hartwick Seminary.



## Morning Session.

*Monday, September 5th, 1831.*

The members of the Ministerium convened, at 9 A. M. in St. John's Church, for the transaction of business. After the brethren had united in singing a Hymn, the Rev. G. B. Miller, Secretary, and by Chap. ii. §11. of the Constitution, *acting* President of the Ministerium, organized the Synod with prayer.

The Rev. J. P. Hecht, Delegate from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, was introduced to the House and invited to participate in its proceedings.

The Rev. J. D. Lawyer, having intimated that he belonged to *another Synod*, was invited to take a seat with the clergy.

## Ordained Ministers Present.

1. Rev. G. B. MILLER, A. M. Secretary, and *acting* President of the Ministerium; Principal of Hartwick Seminary; and Pastor of the E. L. Church at *Hartwick*, Otsego Co. N. Y.
2. — H. N. POHLMAN, Treasurer of the Ministerium; Pastor of *New-Germantown, German-Valley* and *Spruce-Run*, N. J.
3. — P. F. MAYER, D. D. Pastor of St. John's, *Philadelphia*, Pa.
4. — A. WACKERHAGEN, D. D. Pastor of *Germantown* and *Livingston*, Columbia Co. and *Pine-Plains*, Dutchess Co. N. Y.
5. — J. F. G. UHL, Pastor of St. Thomas', in *Churchtown*, Columbia Co. N. Y.
6. — F. G. MAYER, Pastor of Ebenezer Church, *Albany*, Albany Co. N. Y.
7. — F. W. GEISSENHAINER, Sen. D. D. Pastor of the *German Congregation* of the "United German Lutheran Churches," St. Matthew's, *New-York city*.
8. — J. Z. SENDERLING, Pastor of Gilead Church, *Brunswick*, and St. John's, *Schaghticoke*, Rensselaer Co. N. Y.
9. — J. BERGER, A. M. Pastor of Christ Church, *Ghent*, and St. Luke's, *Millville*, Columbia Co. N. Y.
10. — F. W. GEISSENHAINER, Jr. Pastor of the *English Congregation* of the "U. G. L. Churches," St. Matthew's, *New-York City*.
11. — C. B. THUEMMEL, A. M. Assistant Professor of Hartwick Seminary.
12. — WM. D. STROBEL, Pastor of St. James', *New-York City*.
13. — H. I. SMITH, Pastor of *Saddle-River* and *Ramapo*, Bergen Co. N. J.
14. — C. A. SMITH, Pastor of *Palatine* and *Stone-Arabia*, Montgomery Co. N. Y.



## Lay Representatives.

15. Mr. Lambert Swackhammer, Hartwick.
16. — Henry I. Anderson, Churchtown.
17. — Frederick Freidenthal, Albany.
18. — John Haas, Germ. Cong. of the U. G. L. Churches, N. Y. city.
19. — Daniel Simmons, Brunswick and Schaghticoke.
20. — Albert Traver, Ghent and Millville.
21. — H. M. Western, Eng. Cong. of the U. G. L. Churches, N. Y. city.
22. — Ph. W. Engs, St. James', New-York city.
23. — Thomas Achenbach, Saddle-River and Ramapo.
24. — John Nellis, Palatine and Stone Arabia.

Mr. H. F. Cox, of Canajoharie, being present as a member of the Committee on Hartwick Seminary, was invited to a seat.

## Clerical Members Absent.

1. Rev. F. H. QUITMAN, D. D. Senior of the Ministerium. *Excused.*
  2. — P. W. DOMIER.
  3. — J. W. STARMAN, Pastor of *Waldoborough, Me.* *Excused.*
  4. — G. A. LINTNER, A. M. of *Schoharie, &c.*
  5. — L. MERKEL. *Excused.*
  6. — A. CROWNCE, *Guilderland and Bern.*
  7. — P. G. COLE, *Saugerties, Woodstock and Athens.*
  8. — F. H. GUINThER. *Excused.*
  9. — Wm. G. EYER, Pastor of *Rhinebeck and Wurtemberg.* *Excused.*
  10. — P. WIETING, *Sharon and Durlach.*
  11. — H. HAYUNGA, Pastor of *Williamsburgh and Osnabruck, U. C.* *Excused.*
  12. — THOMAS LAPE, A. M. *Johnstown.*
  13. — F. W. LEHMAN. *Excused.*
- Rev. J. EISENLORD, A. M.  
Candidate THOMAS KILMER.

## Congregations not Represented.

Dilleburg, Manheim and Tuckersbush; Schoharie, Cobleskill and Middleburgh; Guilderland and Bern; Saugerties, Woodstock and Athens; Rhinebeck and Wurtemberg; Sharon and Durlach; Johnstown; Minden; Summit, Davenport, Danube, Osquack, Cicero, Lowville, Le Ray, Starke, Canajoharie, Warren, Giessenberg, N. Y. Ernest-town, Fredericksburgh, Williamsburgh, Osnabruck, U. C. and Waldoborough, Me.



## Election of Officers.

Dr. P. F. Mayer and Mr. John Haas were appointed tellers, and after receiving and counting the ballots, the following officers were announced for the ensuing three years.

Rev. AUGUSTUS WACKERHAGEN, D. D. *President.*

Rev. JACOB BERGER, A. M. *Secretary.*

Rev. HENRY N. POHLMAN, *Treasurer.*

The minutes of the XXXV. Synod were read.

The *acting* President, Rev. G. B. Miller, made a Report, comprising his official transactions since the death of Dr. F. C. Schaeffer. See App. A.

He also laid before the Synod letters No. 1—6 inclusive, and a correspondence between himself and the Rev. G. A. Lintner, marked No. 7.

Rev. C. B. Thuemmel likewise laid before the Synod a correspondence between himself and Rev. G. A. Lintner, marked No. 8.

Whereupon,

I. *Resolved*, That the *acting* President's Report and accompanying documents remain on the table to be called up in the due order of business.

Dr. P. F. Mayer, who was, at the last Synod, appointed Delegate to attend the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, Reported: "That he had attended to the object of his appointment, and that his reception by that body afforded fresh evidence of their disposition to maintain the most friendly relation to this Ministerium."

The Rev. J. P. Hecht arose, and presented 25 copies of the printed proceedings of the Pennsylvania Synod as a further mark of fraternal regard.

Rev. Wm. D. Strobel presented 3 copies of the Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South-Carolina.

The President, Dr. Wackerhagen, alluded to the infirm state of our venerable *Senior*, as an adequate apology for his non-attendance.

Rev. Wm. D. Strobel, presented, *verbally*, an excuse from Rev. F. H. Guinther.

Rev. F. G. Mayer offered an apology from Rev. L. Merkel, who has removed to Philadelphia.

Letter No. 1, was read, containing the apology and parochial report of Rev. J. W. Starman.

Letter No. 4, was read, containing the same from Rev. Wm. J. Eyer.

Letter No. 5, was read, containing an apology from the Rev. F. W. Lehman, and informing the Synod of his appointment to a professorship in the



"University of Georgia," at Athens, and expressing a wish to continue his connexion with this Ministerium. On motion and seconded, it was

II. *Resolved*, That the Rev. Dr. Quitman, Rev. Messrs. Günther, Merkel, Starman, Eyer, and Lehman be excused.

III. *Resolved*, That the Secretary write to Rev. Messrs. Merkel and Lehman, expressing to them the fraternal affection of this Body, and register their names as *Honorary* members of the Ministerium.

### Parochial Reports.

Rev. G. B. Miller, Principal of Hartwick Seminary, Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Hartwick, *Post-Office, Cooperstown*, Reports, That he has baptized 5 children and 2 adults; confirmed 6; buried 2; that 39 have communed and 1 has left the church. There are two Missionary Societies yet existing, though not in actual operation at present. There has also a Temperance Society been formed in the place. Besides the regular preaching of the *Word* every Lord's day morning there is a stated meeting on the evening of that day, for lecture and prayer; and a meeting for prayer on Thursday evening in different parts of the congregation. Also three Sunday Schools and three Bible Classes are regularly continued every week, in which the Students of Divinity have taken an active and useful part. There has been a gratifying improvement in the attention to the means of grace. Several have become hopefully pious, and more appear to be diligently inquiring for the way of salvation. The duties of the Pastor, as Principal of Hartwick Seminary necessarily limit his exertions as a minister; and he thankfully acknowledges the assistance he has received in various ways from his Reverend colleague as well as from a number of the students of the Theological Seminary.

May the Great Head of the Church bless our united efforts to the glory of his name!

(Signed)

G. B. MILLER, *Pastor*.

Sept. 5, 1831.

Rev. F. G. Mayer, Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, *Ebenezer*, in the city of Albany, Reports, That he has baptized 22 infants, 1 adult; confirmed, on Good Friday, 11; admitted to the communion by confession 10; communicants in October, 1830,

51

January, 1831,

27

On Easter Day, 1831,

72

July 3d, 1831,

76

That the number of persons entitled to communion is 134.



That there is a Sunday School attached to the church, of which Daniel Pohlman is Principal; and the aggregate number of Scholars is from 60 to 70. The Pastor says: "As I am not in possession of any information relative to the number of interments, I cannot make a positive return on this part of the report."

"Rev. William D. Strobel, Pastor of the Ev. L. Church of St. James in the city of New-York, regrets that it is not in his power to make a report of the state of his congregation during the past year. Owing to the long continued illness and death of the former Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Schaeffer, no accurate list of the number of baptisms, communicants, and deaths in the congregation, has been made. There exist in the congregation two Sunday Schools, a Missionary Society, and a Female Benevolent Society. The pastoral charge of this congregation was only assumed a few weeks since."



# Statistical Table.

## PAROCIAL RETURNS.

## CONTRIBUTIONS. SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

### CONGREGATIONS.

### PASTORS.

### N. B. Post-Offices.

CONGREGATIONS.	PASTORS.	Infants.	Bap- tisms.	Adults.	No. Confirmed.	No. Admitted.	Communicants.	No. entitled to Com.	Funerals.	Synodical.	Missionary.	No. of Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	N. B. Post-Offices.
St. John's, Philadelphia,	Rev. Dr. P. F. Mayer.	67	—	—	—	—	58	—	—	\$5 00	\$0 00	0	0	0	Philadelphia, Pa.
St. Thomas, Churchtown,	Rev. J. F. G. Uhl.	22	1	11	10	—	76	134	—	2 00	0 00	0	0	0	Claverack, Col. Co.
Ebenezer, Albany,	Rev. F. G. Mayer.	143	2	15	—	—	207	338	21	5 00	0 00	1	0	65	Albany.
Germantown, Livingston and Pine Plains,	Rev. Dr. Wackerhagen.	5	2	6	—	—	39	—	2	2 00	0 00	1†	6	0	Clermont, Col. Co.
Hartwick,	Rev. G. B. Miller.	18	1	2	—	—	100	—	14	0 00	23 00	3	0	0	Cooperstown, Otsego Co.
Waldoborough, Me.	Rev. J. W. Starman.	83	2	13	47†	301	545	65	5 00	2 50	2 50	0	0	0	Waldoborough, Maine.
United German Lutheran } Churches, N. York City, } <i>German,</i>	Rev. Dr. Geissenhainer.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5 00	5 00	1	13	100	N. Y. Broome, No. 509. do.
New Germantown, &c.	Rev. H. N. Pohlman.	39	1	15	—	—	356	—	—	5 00	8 00	2	0	0	N. Germantown, Hunter-
Brunswick, and Schaghticoke,	Rev. J. Z. Senderling.	40	—	10	4	135	180	9	10 00	0 00	0 00	2	0	0	Troy. [don Co. N. J.
Ghent, and Millville,	Rev. J. Berger.	64	—	19*	—	220	—	18	5 00	0 00	0 00	1	8	70	Claverack, Col. Co.
Rhinebeck and Wurttemberg,	Rev. Wm. J. Eyer.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5 00	5 00	5 00	2	0	0	Rhineb'k Plains, Dutchess.
St. James', New-York City,	Rev. Wm. D. Strobel.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5 00	0 00	0	0	0	
Saddle River and Ramapo,	Rev. H. I. Smith.	28	—	3	2	91	180	1	—	0 00	0 00	0	0	0	
Palatine and Stone-Arabia,	Rev. C. A. Smith.	509	9	94	63	1583	—	130	\$51 50	\$43 50	—	—	—	70	Palatine, Montgomery Co.

\* In Rhinebeck.

† Called Increase.

‡ Catechisation after D. S.

|| And 3 Bible Classes.

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The Treasurer delivered his accounts for inspection, and the Rev. Dr. F. W. Geissenhainer, and Messrs. P. W. Engs and H. M. Western were appointed a committee for that purpose.

On motion, adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Dr. Geissenhainer.

### Afternoon Session.

Monday, September 5, 2 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. Treasurer.

Minutes of the Morning Session were read and approved.

Letter No. 6, was taken into consideration. It consisted of a petition, presented by Messrs. Rudolph Wieder and Valentine Long, in behalf of themselves and about forty German Lutheran, and German Reformed families residing in Constableville, Lewis Co. N. Y. praying the Ministerium to aid them, in the organization of a christian society, with clerical labours and means to erect a church. On motion of Dr. Mayer, seconded by Rev. F. G. Mayer;

IV. *Resolved*, That this petition be referred to the Missionary Committee.

The following gentlemen, as named by the President, compose the Missionary Committee. Revds. G. B. Miller, F. G. Mayer, H. N. Pohlman, and Messrs. J. Hoxie and H. F. Cox.

Dr. Geissenhainer, chairman of the committee to inspect the Treasurer's accounts, Reported, That the committee, on due examination, find the Treasurer's accounts and vouchers all correct:

Exhibiting a balance in his hands of the Synodical fund of	\$60 68
do. Missionary do.	44 33

On motion of the Secretary, seconded by Rev G. B. Miller,

V. *Resolved*, That the above Report be accepted and the committee discharged.

No. 2. was read, being a letter from Candidate Thomas Kilmer, asking for \$20 left with the Rev. G. B. Miller by the Rev. H. Hayunga, for the purpose of supplying his congregations with Missionary aid during his absence to Europe; it was deemed advisable to deposit said sum with the Treasurer of the Ministerium, subject to the order of the Rev. H. Hayunga.

No. 3. An application for a Minister, from Messrs. Charles Near, Samuel Lape, Jun. and Samuel Near, in Summit, was referred to the Missionary committee.



The concluding part of the *acting* President's Report was called up for consideration. The Rev. C. A. Smith arose and gave the House an account of the course recently pursued by the Rev. G. A. Lintner towards himself and his congregations in Palatine and Stone Arabia. He claimed the protection of the Ministerium.

The correspondence No. 7. and No. 8. between Rev. Messrs. G. B. Miller, C. B. Thuemmel and G. A. Lintner, were again read.

The official papers of our former President, the late Dr. Schaeffer, which had not been sent on, but were known to have been in existence, were alluded to, and the subject received a dispassionate, deliberate consideration; after which, on motion of the Rev. H. N. Pohlman, seconded by P. W. Engs,

VI. *Resolved*, That so much of the *acting* President's Report as relates to "The Hartwick Synod," together with the accompanying papers, be referred to a committee of five, who shall report thereon before the final adjournment of this Synod.

The President, with the approbation of the House, appointed the Rev. Messrs. F. G. Mayer, Secretary, H. N. Pohlman and Messrs. P. W. Engs and H. M. Western.

On motion of Mr. H. F. Cox, seconded by the Rev. G. B. Miller,

VII. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to investigate the conduct of the Rev. P. W. Domeier during the last year, and that they have power to call for and examine persons and papers.

The President appointed the Rev. J. Z. Senderling, William D. Strobel, F. W. Geissenhainer, Jun. and Messrs. D. Simmons and A. Traver.

On motion, adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. F. G. Mayer.

### Morning Session.

Tuesday, September 6, 9 A. M.

Prayer by the Secretary.

Minutes of the preceding Session read and accepted.

VIII. *Resolved*, That a new "Committee on Publications" be appointed, to act under Res. XV. XVI. and XVII. of XXXIV. and Res. XIV. of XXXV. Synod, and to enter upon their duties immediately.

The President appointed Dr. Geissenhainer, Rev. Messrs. F. G. Mayer, G. B. Miller, H. N. Pohlman, Secretary, and Messrs. J. Hoxie and B. Ogden.



The committee appointed by Res. VI. asked leave to offer their *Report*; whereupon the preamble and resolutions proposed therein were adopted, nem. con. as follows:

Whereas, several ministers of the Gospel, members of this Body, and, as has been represented, the congregations under their pastoral care, are reported to have relinquished their connexion with us, and pretend to constitute a distinct Synod: Therefore,

IX. *Resolved*, That we cannot consider this separation as either necessary or useful; and that we entirely disapprove of the manner in which it appears to have been effected; especially as the consent of the Ministerium to such a division was not only not solicited, but even no notice whatever of an intention as to such a division was given to the Ministerium.

X. *Resolved*, That notwithstanding our views of the inexpediency of the separation which seems to have taken place, and of the impropriety of the mode employed in respect to it, we heartily wish our brethren of the Hartwick Lutheran Synod the best blessings of the God of peace and love in advancing the interests of Christian truth, order and virtue.

XI. *Resolved*, That the letters of the Rev. G. A. Lintner to the Rev. G. B. Miller and the Rev. C. B. Thuemmel, claiming to have jurisdiction over their acts as ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the State of New-York, and demanding, under an assumed authority, an explanation of their conduct in officiating at the Installation of the Rev. C. A. Smith, are, in the opinion of this Synod, highly improper, grossly insulting towards the Rev. Gentlemen to whom they were addressed, uncalled for, unauthorized and deserving the censure of this Body.

XII. *Resolved*, That the interference of the Rev. G. A. Lintner in addressing a letter to the Church Council of the Congregation at Stone-Arabia, intended to impair their confidence in their Pastor, the Rev. C. A. Smith, meets with the entire disapprobation of this Synod, and manifests a disposition very unbecoming a Christian Minister; and that we heartily recommend to that Congregation to adhere with faithfulness to the counsel of their Pastor.

XIII. *Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee, together with the accompanying documents, be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of this Synod. (*See Appendix B.*)

On motion of Mr. H. M. Western, seconded by Dr. Mayer,

XIV. *Resolved, unanimously*, That the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New-York, &c. feel it their duty to express to the community and Church at large, and particularly to the family of our late President, the Rev. Dr. F. C. Schaeffer, their deep sorrow at his untimely death.



XV. *Resolved*, That we appreciate the purity of his motives and the magnitude of his capacities, and that his friends and family be desired to accept from this Body, collectively and individually, our sincere condolence.

XVI. On motion of the Secretary, seconded,

*Resolved*, That our *acting* President, the Rev. G. B. Miller, be requested to furnish a copy of his Synodical Sermon to the "Committee on Publications."

The President and the Rev. F. G. Mayer having proffered the hospitality of their congregations to the acceptance of the members of the Ministerium, it was

XVII. *Resolved*, That when this Synod closes, it adjourn to meet in Ebenezer Church, Albany, under the pastoral care of the Rev. F. G. Mayer, on the second Sunday in September, 1832.

The Committee on the conduct of the Rev. P. W. Domeier, Reported as follows: "That they have found no sufficient ground, from the evidence brought before them, to substantiate the charges preferred against him; they however feel unwilling to dismiss the subject entirely, and would crave the indulgence of the ensuing year that they may be able to do justice to Mr. Domeier and vindicate the character of the Church and of our Ministerium."

(Signed,)

J. Z. SENDERLING, *Chairman*.

WM. D. STROBEL, *Secretary*.

On motion,

XVIII. *Resolved*, That the Report be accepted and the Committee continued.

The Chairman of the Committee on Hartwick Seminary offered his Report. On motion of Dr. Mayer, seconded,

XIX. *Resolved*, That the Report be accepted. (*See Appendix C.*)

XX. *Resolved*, That a Delegate from this Ministerium be appointed to attend the next Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania.

The President appointed Dr. F. W. Geissenhainer.

XXI. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Ministerium be presented through the *Pastor Loci* to the Congregation of St. John's, Schaghticoke, for the kindness and hospitality they have manifested to us during our present Synod.

The minutes of this morning session were read and approved. The Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place specified in Res. XVII. The Brethren united in singing the "Christian Farewell."

Concluding prayer by the Rev. President.



**Ministerial Session.***Monday, September 5, P. M. 5 1-2 o'clock.*

After the Lay-delegates had retired, the Clerical members proceeded to the consideration of business strictly *Ministerial*.

The Rev. G. B. Miller, Principal of Hartwick Seminary, gave notice that Lambert Swackhammer, one of his students, had finished his Theological course, and proposed him as an applicant for License. On motion of Dr. Mayer, seconded by the Secretary,

*Resolved*, That Lambert Swackhammer receive examination.

The President appointed, for that purpose, a committee consisting of Drs. Geissenhainer and Mayer, and the Rev. Messrs. Hecht, Uhl and Miller.

Adjourned until the close of the ensuing Synodical Session.

Prayer by the Treasurer.

In the evening the Treasurer of the Ministerium preached from Job xxii. 21—"Acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace, thereby good shall come unto thee"

He was assisted in the exercises of Public Worship by the Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer, Jun.

**Ministerial Session.***Tuesday, 11 1-4 A. M.*

Minutes read and accepted.

Dr. Geissenhainer, Chairman of the Examining Committee, Reported in favour of the applicant for License—Whereupon

*Resolved*, That Lambert Swackhammer be received, into this Body as a licensed CANDIDATE for the Gospel Ministry.

The President gave him a solemn charge, and received his promise to adhere to our Constitution. The hand of Fellowship was also exchanged by all the Ministers present. Adjourned to the time and place of the next Synod.

Concluding prayer by the President.

*I certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the Records of the Ministerium.*

J. BERGER, Secretary.



## APPENDIX.

### A.

#### *The Acting President's Report.*

**BELoved BRETHREN,**

The death of the lamented Dr. Schaeffer, our late President, has made it incumbent on me to act in his place until a new President shall be elected. On the 20th of March of the present year it pleased the Great Head of the Church, to call his servant, our late esteemed President, from the labours and sorrows of time, as we trust, to the rest and joy of a better world.

We have already given a testimony of our regard to our departed brother and fellow-labourer, by wearing the usual badge of mourning, and I am confident that I express the sentiments of all my brethren, in saying that by his death we have lost a valuable and much esteemed member of this Ministerium; the Congregation over which he was Pastor, a faithful and beloved guide; and our Church at large a useful and devoted Minister of the Gospel.

But it was the Lord's will to call him hence, and we have no right to complain. May He, the Lord of the vineyard, supply the place of our departed friend and President, by a large accession of pious, devoted and efficient labourers.

In virtue of the office thus devolving upon me for a season, at the request of Rev. C. A. Smith, of Stone-Arabia, I attended, with the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Thuemmel, to the solemn installation of Mr. Smith, which took place on the 3d of July last.

I also, on the 17th of the same month, administered the Lord's Supper in the Congregation at Summit, where, in the absence of a regular Minister, Mr. John Selmsier, Student of Hartwick, has been preaching for sometime with much acceptance. On this occasion I confirmed three persons.

Rev. Mr. Guinther informed me personally in the course of this summer, that he has relinquished the charge of the Congregations in Canada, of which he has been some years Pastor, owing to the continued ill health of himself and family, which the unfavorable climate had induced. He has since, as I understand, been residing in the city of New-York, in the hope of recovering his strength, and we would pray the Lord to grant this blessing to our brother, with a long life of usefulness in the church.



In May I received a letter from Rev. H. Hayunga, informing me that he had arrived in New-York from the West-Indies, and contemplated to sail for Bremen on the 11th of the same month, and that he hoped to return to New-York, at farthest, in November, in order to return to Canada and resume his post.

Rev. Mr. Eyster, late of Maryland Synod, informs me that he has accepted a call at Dansville, and that he expects to unite himself with the "Hartwick Synod," but as he did not speak positively, I thought it my duty to send him an invitation to attend the meeting of our Synod, to which I have not received any reply as yet.

Rev. Wm. D. Strobel, late of S. Carolina, and heretofore a member of our Synod, writes from New-York, under date of August 4, that having accepted a call from the Congregation of St. James', in that city, he had preached his introductory Sermon in that Church, July 31st.

Rev. Henry I. Smith, writes from Saddle-River, August 9th, that he had removed to that place to take charge of the Congregations of Saddle-River and Ramapo, formerly under the charge of late Rev. D. Hendricks, and that affairs there were in a favourable train.

Rev. William Starman, of Waldoborough, Maine, writes, under date of August 16th, that he must beg to be excused from attending our present Synod, on the same grounds as in former years. He prays that the great Head of the Church may be with us to direct us in all our deliberations; and encloses \$5 to be equally divided between Synod and Missionary purposes. (No. 1.)

Rev. Thomas Kilmer, who has been supplying the place of Rev. H. Hayunga, wrote to me under date of August 23d, which letter I shall take the liberty to lay before the Synod for consideration. (No. 2.)

A letter from the Congregation at Summit (No. 3,) will also claim your attention.

Rev. Mr. Eyer, of Rhinebeck, apologizing for his absence, (No. 4,) is also submitted.

In May last, Rev. Mr. Thuemmel, at my request, called upon the widow of the late Dr. Schaeffer, in New-York, to obtain his official papers and documents belonging to this Ministerium. He was informed that they were not ready for delivery, but should be sent on, or duplicates of them. I have not hitherto received any, and it will remain for this body to make the proper disposition of this subject; and I would only remind the brethren, that the "Publication Committee," from whose services great expectations were entertained, both in our own and neighbouring Synods, by the death of its Chairman, has been interrupted in its labours; and it may be well to take the subject into consideration.



I have now to enter upon a matter, upon which I should gladly have maintained silence, did duty permit. The members of this body are all aware, that last fall, soon after the meeting of our Synod, a number of our former brethren seceded, and formed themselves into a Synod, entitled "The Hartwick Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the State of New-York." The merits of the question and the propriety of the act, it is not for me to canvass in this Report. But so far as the acts of that body have had a bearing upon our body and its officers and members, especially since the time that it has devolved upon me to be the official organ of this Synod, it becomes my duty to lay the necessary information before you. As above stated, Rev. Mr. Thuemmel and myself, in conformity to Chap. VI. § 19 of the Constitution, installed the Rev. C. A. Smith, as Pastor of the Congregations of Stone-Arabia and Palatine. Not long after, we each received a letter from Rev. G. A. Lintner, as President of the Hartwick Synod, asking us by what authority and under whose direction we had performed this act, within the bounds and jurisdiction of the Hartwick Synod, without its knowledge and consent. Not thinking it proper or consistent to answer such a question under existing circumstances, we each wrote him to this effect. The letters that passed between Rev. G. A. Lintner and myself, on the subject, are at the disposal of the Synod. I have to add, that Rev. Mr. Thuemmel received in reply from Mr. Lintner, a letter that is considered highly offensive, which will probably be laid before this body.

I should not have troubled the Ministerium in this affair, had I not acted officially as their constitutional organ under existing circumstances, and therefore considered myself accountable to them.

Permit me to recommend to your attention the subject of our Missionary fund. It is highly important that we should make exertions to aid our destitute Congregations, some of which will make application at the present Synod.

Since my arrival here, I have received a letter from Mr. Lehman, making an apology for his absence, which is laid before the Synod. (No. 5.)



## B.

**Report of the Committee on the Hartwick Synod.**

The Committee appointed to consider and report upon the conduct of certain of our Reverend Bretheren, who have withdrawn from our Synod and formed a body, which *they term* "the Hartwick Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the state of New-York,"

**RESPECTFULLY REPORT:**

That, the facts and documents laid before them have had that proper investigation, which a difference of such moment among brethren of the same religious faith demands. Rather would your committee cast the mantle of Christian feeling and kind forgetfulness over the erring acts of those, who have thus hastily and *unadvisedly* brought our beloved Church to the consideration of a subject so disturbing to her harmony and so fraught with evil consequences; but while that true charity, which binds in one bond of fellowship all the true followers of the great Head of the Church, should guide us in *all* our operations; and while the example of him, "who though he was reviled, reviled not again," should be constantly in the view of those, who "name the name of Christ;" yet the dignity of the Church on earth must be kept up, and that order, which is so consistent, so *necessary* to her existence, be preserved inviolate.

Your Committee do not deny the right of individuals to separate from the Synod, at their volition, and to form themselves into such association as they may deem proper; but they do utterly deny that such a body can exercise rights of government, or control, over those, who are attached to the Synod from which they have voluntarily, and without consent, seceded. More especially when they talk of territorial jurisdiction, and claim all control beyond the Hudson, an assumption not only arrogant, but inconsistent with the views and practice of the Lutheran Church.

If there were *any reasonable* ground of separation to afford a pretext for the course pursued by these Seceders, it would be better for their cause; but neither expediency, necessity or the true interests of the Church required it, and your Committee can see in their proceedings, nothing but the ingenuity of man, exercised without that prayerful consideration and ardent interest for the welfare of the Church Militant, which should characterise those, "who administer at God's right hand, as God's ambassadors." Nevertheless, far be all harshness of feeling from us, and open be our arms to receive these, our brethren, at all times, as they discover the error of their ways.

But now to facts. It appears by the production of original documents, that letters were written to the Rev. G. B. Miller, and the Rev. C. B. Thuemmel, by the Rev. G. A. Lintner, as President of the so styled, "Hartwick Synod," demanding of them, "by what authority, and under whose directions," they "officiated at the installation of the Rev. C. A. Smith, at Stone Arabia;" which



letters being suitably replied to, by the gentlemen to whom they were addressed, met with rejoinders, one of which (to the Rev. Mr. Thuemmel) was highly offensive and indecorous in its style, derogatory to the character of a minister of the gospel, and deserving of the highest censure (as your Committee consider) of this Ministerium. That two of the respectable Clergymen, belonging to the "*only* Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium in the State of New-York," in the performance of the solemn and authorised duty of installing a brother of the same connexion, should be called upon by an individual, *assuming* a right to control their movements in such a manner, and with such offensive accusations "of disorderly conduct," as are exhibited in the letters referred to, should pass without the severest censure of the body formed to protect their rights and their characters, cannot be expected by the most fastidious, or the most charitable.

Your Committee would not anathematize—no fulminations of power and influence would they direct, even against such daring outrage upon this Ministerium and its members; but truth must be maintained, and "the Watchmen on the walls" be kept to their duty, or the citadel of our Christian rights will be stormed by a more daring enemy, who will enter through the breach made by erring brethren.

It is gratifying to your Committee that neither the parole, or written testimony before them, applies to all, who have thus separated from our Councils, and they have no information immediately charging more than two individuals with harsh and unchristian deportment towards our brethren; one has been detailed, so far as relates to *one* complaint, but it yet remains to state, that this same individual (Rev. Mr. Lintner) addressed a sealed letter to the Church Councils, of Palatine and Stone Arabia, *which letter, was conveyed, without knowledge of its contents by their pastor, and by him read*, advising the congregation not to be governed by the counsel of their minister, and attempting to cast among them discord and confusion. This act is so manifestly improper, that your Committee cannot refrain from expressing in relation to it, their decided disapprobation; but they forbear, and bless that God, who has so long caused the darts thrown from the enemies of his church, to fall harmless at the feet of those, who protect her rights and her interests, that this shaft, though bearing on its barbed point a pretended gospel oil to heal its wound, penetrated but the surface and fell unheeded to the ground, baffled in its effects by that protecting influence, which surrounds all true christians, and enables them, when threatened by the enemy, "to laugh at the shaking of the spears."

The other individual, is the Rev. Adam Crownce, who in a letter replying to an affectionate and christian reproof for his departure from the true course, addressed by our late lamented and venerated President, the Rev. F. C. Schaeffer, used language calculated to wound the feelings and insult the integrity of that beloved brother, to such an extent, that his friends dared not allow it to be read to him, while suffering under his final illness. Happily for the quiet of



Mr. Schaeffer, that it was so, he has departed without this thorn, and our brother who attempted to plant it in his side, is left to reflect on his conduct towards one who loved him as a brother, and is now no more ; a punishment sufficient for a considerate mind.

Your Committee deem it unnecessary to dwell any further upon this unpleasant state of affairs, and present for your consideration their opinion embodied in the foregoing resolutions. (*See Res. IX—XII.*)

FREDERICK G. MAYER,  
J. BERGER,  
HENRY N. POHLMAN,  
H. M. WESTERN,  
P. W. ENGS.

### ***Correspondence No. 7.***

SCHOHARIE, *July 15th, 1831.*

REV. SIR,

Having understood that you officiated at the installation of the Rev. C. A. Smith at Stone-Arabia, on Sunday the 3d inst. I consider it proper in my official relation to the "Hartwick Synod of the Evan. Luth. Church in the State of New-York," to inquire of you, by what authority, and under whose direction you have performed this act, within the bounds and jurisdiction of said Synod, without its knowledge and consent?

I am, Rev. Sir,

Very respectfully and sincerely

Yours,

G. A. LINTNER.

REV. G. B. MILLER.

### **REPLY.**

*July 24th, 1831.*

REV. SIR,

Lately I received a somewhat singular epistle from you, in which you ask me by what authority I installed Rev. C. A. Smith within the bounds of the Hartwick Synod? In reply, I have to put another question to you, viz. By what authority you ask me? This being settled, the other will come in order. You have not certainly forgotten that there once existed a body termed the Ev. Luth. Minist. of the State of New-York and adjacent parts. For my own part I have not heard any thing of its dissolution. Seriously, however, I hope to live on terms of Christian friendship with all my former brethren, though we should differ on some points, which I trust we may do conscientiously. At least I wish to lay nothing in the way of such friendly intercourse. Why should we take up arms against one another? "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, because ye love one another." To promote this harmony it would be as well that our *official* intercourse should cease for the present. A *brotherly* letter I shall always be happy to receive



from you, and to reciprocate with you. Believe me, I can still feel kindly to those, whom I once called brethren, and still wish to call so, and am perfectly willing to let what is past be buried in oblivion.

Hoping that you prosper in soul and body, and praying that you may enjoy every blessing from the Lord,

I subscribe myself

Yours in Christian love,

GEO. B. MILLER,

*Sec'y of Ev. Luth. Ministerium  
of the State of New-York.*

REV. G. A. LINTNER.

SCHOHARIE, July 30th, 1831.

REV. SIR,

I received your letter of the 24th inst. and although you intimate a wish, that our official intercourse should cease, I cannot, in justice to myself, admit the construction, which you seem to have put upon my letter: that I wish to throw obstacles in the way of our friendly intercourse. If I know my own heart, I can most solemnly assure you, that my first communication to you on this subject was not dictated by an unfriendly spirit; and that I do not now cherish any ill will towards you. My inquiries of you in relation to the installation of the Rev. Mr. Smith were made because I conceived it to be my duty, and not with the least intention of interrupting the friendly intercourse, which has subsisted between us. I therefore hope, that you will do me the justice to believe that I wish to live on terms of Christian friendship and brotherly intercourse with you, as much as any brother in the Ministry.

This explanation is offered in the spirit of friendship on my part, and I trust, that it will be received in the same spirit on your part.

I am, respectfully and

Sincerely yours,

G. A. LINTNER.

REV. G. B. MILLER.

### **Correspondence No. 8.**

SCHOHARIE, July 15th, 1831.

REV. SIR,

Having understood that you officiated at the installation of the Rev. C. A. Smith, at Stone-Arabia, on Sunday the 3d inst. I consider it proper in my official relation to the "Hartwick Synod of the Ev. Luth. Church in the State of New-York," to inquire of you by what authority and under whose direction, you have performed this act within the bounds and jurisdiction of said Synod, without its knowledge and consent?

I am, Rev. Sir, very

Respectfully and sincerely yours,

G. A. LINTNER.

REV. C. B. THUEMMEL.



## REPLY.

HARTWICK SEMINARY, *July 23d, 1831.*

REV. SIR,

In answer to your letter of the 15th inst. I take the liberty of informing you that I cannot acknowledge your right to make the inquiry contained in your letter, "by what authority and under whose direction I had officiated at the installation of the Rev. C. A. Smith, at Stone-Arabia." "The Hartwick Synod of the Evang. Luth. Church in the State of New-York," under whose authority, as it appears from your letter, the inquiry is made by you, has as far as I know, not been recognized by the "Ministerium of the Evang. Luth. Church of the State of New-York," neither has the jurisdiction over any part of the Luth. Church in this State been ceded by said Rev. body to any person or society whatever; consequently, the Hartwick Synod cannot have any right to put the above inquiry to me, neither can I, without transgressing my obligations and duties to the Ministerium, of which I am a member, acknowledge the authority of said Synod, but must protest against any such assumption on the part of that body, and conclude by stating, that this my answer to your inquiry, is made for the express purpose of guarding against all misconception, which might have been made of my silently acknowledging the authority of said Hartwick Synod, in case your letter had been left unanswered by me.

I am, Rev. Sir,

Very respectfully yours,

C. B. THUEMMEL.

REV. G. A. LINTNER.

SCHOHARIE, *July 25, 1831,*

REV. SIR,

I received your letter of the 23d inst. this moment, and without taking any further notice of it at present, I would merely observe, that I did not ask you for your opinion, about the jurisdiction and authority of Hartwick Synod, which to us is a matter of no great importance. The views, therefore, which you have thought proper to express in your letter in relation to subjects, which my letter did not embrace, are altogether gratuitous, and you might have saved yourself the trouble of writing them down. The inquiry contained in my letter, was perfectly proper—it was addressed to you in the most respectful terms; it was certainly not intended to provoke that spirit of obstinate and persevering resistance to the regularly constituted authorities of the Church, exhibited in your letter, and which is an aggravation of your disorderly conduct, on the occasion, referred to in my letter.

I am, Rev. Sir,

With due respect, yours,

G. A. LINTNER.

REV. C. B. THUEMMEL.



## **Report of the Committee on Hartwick Seminary.**

### **YOUR COMMITTEE RESPECTFULLY REPORT:**

That they have attended to the duty assigned them. They derive pleasure from being able to state that the Institution has lost none of its celebrity. It is at present under the superintendence of the Rev. George B. Miller, Principal, and the Rev. C. B. Thuemmel, Assistant Professor.

As your Committee did not arrive until the afternoon of Monday the 29th of August, it was not in their power to attend the examination of the Theological Department of the Seminary. They, however, heard, with much pleasure, from the Professors, and other persons present, that the Students of Divinity had acquitted themselves with a high degree of approbation. This department consisted, during the past year, of nine Theological Students, of whom two have completed the regular course of studies adopted in the Seminary, and purpose to apply for clerical license; and one has entered Union College.

In this Department the following branches have been studied; viz. Dogmatic, Exegesis, Horn's Introduction, Church History, History of Dogmas, Jahn's Antiquities, Greek Testament and Hebrew.

The Annual Exhibition of the Theological Society was held in the evening. It consisted of the following Dissertations:

1. An Eulogy on the late Dr. F. C. Schaeffer, by L. Swackhammer, of Hartwick.
2. An Essay on the Darkness of human reason and the corruptions of Christianity, by A. F. A. Rumph, of Oldenberg, Germany.
3. ——— on the General Resurrection, by Wm. Ottman, of Sharon.
4. ——— on *Benevolence*, by James Shults, of Stone-Arabia.
5. ——— on the Future Judgment, by R. Dederick, of Claverack.
6. A Valedictory Address to the Society, by J. Selmser, of Johnstown.

These exercises afforded gratifying evidences of talent, application and proficiency.

On the following day your Committee were present during a greater part of the examination of the Academical Department of the Seminary. Classes were examined in Reading, English Grammar, Geography, History, Mathematics, Algebra, Chymistry, Natural Philosophy, Latin, Greek, French, Spanish and German.



The industry and skill of the Professors, and the diligence and progress of the Students, were satisfactorily evinced.

We consider the Sèminary in a fair way of commanding an increased patronage. The number of Students during the

October term, was	47
January do.	49
May do. just closed,	53

The whole number of different students for the year is 76 ; of whom 4 have entered College, and 1 the Military Academy at West Point.

The Principal remarks in his Report to the Board of Trustees, that the " christian conduct of the greater part of the students has been gratifying and exemplary."

In the course of the day your Committee were received, with much urbanity, by the " Board of Trustees," and invited to be present at their deliberations.

They, there learned that the affairs of the Institution are managed with ability, and that its prospects are encouraging.

Several appropriations were made, among which, that for the purchase of premiums to be conferred upon the most meritorious students in the respective classes deserves particular mention.

The Hartwick Library has been augmented by the addition of some valuable works presented by its former worthy Principal, the Rev. Dr. Hazelius.

In the evening of this day, at the annual Exhibition of the Philo-Phronean Society, thirteen essays and orations engaged the attention of a numerous, respectable and gratified audience.

Your Committee conclude by earnestly recommending this Institution, as an object of your cordial co-operation and fostering care. May it, under the Divine blessing, conduce to promote good-will among men and " glory to God in the highest."

(Signed)

J. Z. SENDERLING,  
J. BERGER,  
H. F. COX.

Schaghticoke, Sept. 6. 1831.